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Is the best thing to keep away Moths, &c., and prevent clothes smelling fast.

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DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
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Hongkong, 6th April, 1894.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
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WINES AND SPIRITS.

On and after the 1st April, 1894, the Prices of our WINES AND SPIRITS will be as follows:—

PORT.

(For Invalids and general Use.)
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule..... \$14.00
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule..... 16.00
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule..... 20.00

Port after removal should be stored for a month before use. Wine required for drinking at once should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out. These wines are too well known to need comment.

Simple bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

SHERRY.

B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule..... \$10.00
C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule..... 12.00
CC. Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule..... 12.00
D. Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice Old Wine, White Seal Capsule..... 14.00
E. Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Blend)..... 20.00

B, C, and D are excellent dinner wines or for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after dinner wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres wines.

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CLARET.

B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule..... \$6.00
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule..... 9.00
D. La Rose, Red Capsule..... 12.00
E. Sainte Foy..... 12.00
F. Chateau d'Anglade..... 12.00
G. Chateau Haut Biron..... 12.00
H. Chateau Mouton d'Armailhacq..... 21.00

Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the vine of the grape, and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with cheap wines.

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HOCK.

Nierstein..... \$12.00
Rudesheim..... 21.00
Rohdeheim..... 24.00

BURGUNDY.

Chablis, white wine..... 15.00
Meursault, superior white wine..... 18.00
Volnay, very superior red wine..... 22.00

MADEIRA AND CHAMPAGNE.

Full particulars of the various Brands on application.

BRANDY.

A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule..... \$14.00
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule..... 16.00
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac..... 20.00
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule..... 36.00
E. Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1862 Vintage..... 48.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

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WHISKY.

A. Thorne's Blend, White Capsule..... \$10.00
B. Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark..... 10.00
C. Watson's Abolour-Glenlivet, Red Capsule with Name and Trade Mark..... 12.00
D. Watson's A.K.D. Blend of the "Best Scotch Malt Whisky, Violet Capsule..... 14.00
E. Watson's Very Old Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule..... 15.00
F. Daniel Crawford's Inset Very Old Scotch Whisky..... 14.00

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Our lowest priced Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. We recommend our customers not to be deterred by the low price of whisky from trying them all. For a soda-whisky, Thorne's Blend and Watson's Glenorchy are equal to any. Abolour-Glenlivet is a very old Scotch Whisky (Smoky) that could not be replaced in stock at the price. D and E are two well known to need comment.

IRISH—

A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule..... \$12.00
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule..... 15.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule..... 18.00

All these are very fine and old. C has been stocked in Hongkong in wood for 20 years, there being little sale for Irish Whisky in the Colony.

AMERICAN—

Genuine Bourbon Whisky, Fine Old, Red Capsule, with our Name and Trade Mark..... \$15.00
Simple bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

GIN

A. Fine Old Tom, White Capsule..... \$7.20
B. Fine Unweathered, White Capsule..... 7.20

RUM.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule..... \$15.00
Good Leeward Island..... 6.00
Good Leeward Island..... \$2.50 per Gallon.

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LIQUEURS.

Benedictine, Maraschino, Curacao, Heering's Cherry Cordial, Chartreuse, Dr. Siegen's Anisette, Brandy, &c.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1894.

BIRTH.

On 14th April, at "Magnolia Villas," Shanghai, the wife of ARCHIE LANG (late of Dumbarton), of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

THE FUTURE OF SILVER.

LONDON, April 26th.
The Times in its money article states that some speculation in silver has begun—evidently on the strength of the rumours as to the possible re-opening of the Indian Mint.

ROSEBERY'S APPEAL.

The Unionist papers are of opinion that Lord Rosebery's appeal to the Unionist party to rejoin the Liberals will prove futile.

FURTHER EARTHQUAKES IN GREECE.

Earthquake shocks continue to be felt in Greece.

THE PROBLEM OF THE FUTURE.

The army of unemployed on its way to Washington has become aggressive, and the Government has ordered out troops to intercept the Montana contingent.

THE PLUNDERED PILGRIMS.

MADRID, April 19th.
There has been much comment on the Pope's address to the Spanish pilgrims who came on foot to celebrate his jubilee, and who were plundered by the destitute people in the famine-stricken districts of Valencia. The Pope urged all good Catholics to subdue their passions and promote the interests of religion rather than any political cause, trusting in Providence to safeguard the destinies of the country.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SOCIALISTIC LANG.—"You be blowed-up!"
MINNIE HAWK is now in Bangkok. Hongkong's turn comes next.

At Hobart Church Congress recently, the Bishop of Tasmania read a paper on "The Missionary Spirit." Run?

On the 23rd April, fire broke out in the Sampaloc district of Manila, about 4 p.m., and destroyed over 200 buildings, containing a large amount of valuable property.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the United Assurance Society of Canton, Ltd., will be held at the Society's office, No. 4, Praya, at noon to-morrow.

As an indication of the up-to-dateness of the coastal mail service can be cited the fact that newspapers dated Shanghai, 18th April, were delivered here this afternoon (27th).

In Boston—"When Let's wife looked back," said the Sunday-school teacher, "what happened to her?" "She was transmuting into chlorine of sodium," answered the class, with one voice.

An Emergency meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1,656, E.C., will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

It is reported that there are 700 women practicing medicine in the Russian Empire, and a new school of medicine for women has just been started in St. Petersburg, with a four years course of study.

The Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Barrack Square, this evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock:—

THE British gunboat Swift left Bangkok for a cruise on the 17th inst.

In reference to the outbreak of small pox which we reported yesterday, we learn that the patient who has been removed to the Hygiene from the Diocesan home is a boy of about 12 years, not a master at stated.

MISS DEBORAH KNOX, who is said to be a liberal descendant of old John Knox, the Scotch reformer, has lately been preaching in the country towns of Eastern Connecticut and Western Rhode Island.

THE Korean Government has apologized to Japan for the recent unsuccessful attempt to drive from Tokyo its *Changchun*. Now that the remnants of Kim's carcass have been given to the fangs of the air, the enlightened ruler of the Peninsular kingdom is apparently satisfied.

RECENT British politics brought into use the word "disestablishmentarianism"—twenty-four letters, probably the longest manageable word in the language. "Straightforwardness," nineteen letters, is the longest in reasonably common use. It doesn't sound long, having but four syllables.

FRANCE, according to the *New York Sun*, has the largest debt in the world. It amounts to about 36,000,000,000 francs, equal to about \$6,000,000,000. The public debt of the United States amounts to about one-fifth that of France—\$85,000,000—not including about \$2,000,000 of matured debt and the greenbacks, Treasury notes, &c.

In accordance with the memorial of the Viceroy Chang Chih-tung to the Throne, the recent explosion at the Wuchang powder works, we read that a decree of the Throne orders that the Manager, a Manchou by the name of Yu Yu, be cashiered for not taking better precautions to avoid the catastrophe, and also orders the Board of Civil Appointments to award penalties to the other officers supervising the works in proportion to their various degrees of responsibility.

A NORTH Carolina Justice of the Peace was recently called upon to marry a couple. The magistrate sometimes indulges in poetry, and knowing how little property the bride and groom possessed, performed the ceremony in the following words:

"I will, will you take Bet,
Without regret,
To love and cherish
Till one of you is dead,
And be laid under the sod,
So help you God?"

MR. MONSON, of Ardmore fame, undeterred by his utter failure to obtain an injunction against the Tussocks, who exhibited a wax-work figure of him, is, according to the *Washington Gazette*, instituting no less than 500 libel actions to respect of the unfavorable comments upon his conduct which appeared in all quarters of the Press at the conclusion of his recent trial for murder. It is probable that proceedings will immediately be taken against a London weekly newspaper, in which some of the severest condemnation were used, and that this action will be made a test case.

HERE is a new gem from an American medical journal: "The venereal daily press states that the mother-in-law of the Mikado of Japan has recently been ill. She was attended by 423 physicians, but in spite of that has pulled through. The 423 medical men had much to say as to the cause of the lady's illness, but a Buddhist priest of ingenious mind declared that it was owing to the introduction of railroads. His wife was simple. Before there were railroads she died. After there were railroads she was ill. What could be more clear than the conclusion he drew?—After this the Deities.

THERE are few sailing vessels that can carry 5000 tons of cargo, and nearly all of them are in the California wheat trade, says the *Boston Commercial Bulletin*. In eleven years sixteen 5000 ton cargoes have been cleared from San Francisco in twelve vessels. One of these was the *Reppahannock* and *Shenandoah*, built by Arthur Sewall at Bath, Me., and the British ships *Liverpool*, *Alma*, *Edgar*, *Palgrave*, *California*, *Lord Tennyson*, *Millon Stuart*, *Drumhead*, *Henrietta*, and *Manchester*. The *Reppahannock* was lost in 1892 and the *Shenandoah* is now making her third voyage, the *Palgrave* and *California* having each sailed twice. The other American ships that carry 5000 tons are the *Sewall*, *Roonhoe* and *Susquehanna*, they, with the *Reppahannock* and *Shenandoah*, forming the famous "big four" which marked the end of wooden shipbuilding at the Sewall yards.

A RELIGIOUS but still valued Chinese correspondent writes to inform us that Cheek-wan, a village of about 500 inhabitants, some 30 miles from Hongkong, up the Canton river, was in *flle* yesterday—the occasion being the customary observance of the 23rd day of the 3rd moon—whatever the name of all misty mazes that may signify. A few incidents are detailed: a woman was robbed of all she held dear (details withheld), and a house was burned down yesterday morning, during service. Several lives are said to have been lost, but as our information emanates from a religious source, as already indicated, the statement must be accepted with due reservation. Another account says that there was a huge match, some way behind the site of the temple proper. The temple was burnt down in 1889, and is now half rebuilt, but the flames did not reach it. The presiding deity is a lady Tin Hau, whose birthday is now about due. She is the supreme "Water Authority" of this region, and over 1,000 junk-loads of pilgrims are in attendance.

In the course of an article appearing in the *Telegraph* last month, ago touching upon the desert wastes of the "Priestess Tytan" reservoir, the following observation was made: "It would appear that instead of making the reservoir as large as it could have been made, the talented constructor failed to cut off several spits, which jut out from the hill-sides and partially fill up the area of the basin, and as a consequence Tytan holds only about two-thirds of the water which the massive dam could wall that it would not be difficult to widen and deepen the reservoir during the existing dry season." That suggestion has now been acted upon and the Tytan reservoir is at the present moment being deepened. However, should the drought continue for another fortnight or three weeks, the inconvenience to the general public resulting from the total suspension of the water supply will at least carry with it the advantage of a slightly larger supply of water next year. That, however, is no reason why the fine stream of spring water, affording virtually an inexhaustible supply (about three hundred feet below and bearing south-west from the former residence at Tytan) which empties itself into Stanley, and which might without great trouble be utilized by pumping or other means, should not be used as a "factor" for the Tytan reservoir.

THE Spanish steamer *Salvadora* and the British steamer *Swift*, both from Manila, have been quarantined for ten days in Salgon, with small-pox on board.

NATIVE newspapers in the North state that a number of the Kolao-wei society men have assembled at We Kiang-chow in the province of Honan, and that the high officials have sent a number of troops to capture or disperse them.

In the Supreme Court yesterday, Mr. Justice Wils concluded the hearing of a suit in which a coolie sought to recover \$300 paid in hope of getting himself smuggled into America with bogus papers. The action was dismissed, without costs.

An English visitor is reported to have recently remarked to a New South Wales statesman, after listening to a debate in the Assembly, had come to the conclusion that the speaker was "a rough and ready eloquence." "I would plead guilty to the 'rough,'" replied the statesman, "but I admit that it's damnably ready."

We beg to acknowledge receipt of a handsomely got-up work on Mike, published by the Mikul Susan Katsika, giving a full description of the coal-mines and extensive engineering and other works at that place, with a series of fine color-plate photographs, and several maps, besides a large mass of useful and interesting information, well written and printed at the *North China Herald* office.

DISCUSSING the smoke-nuisance in its sanitary aspect, the *Medical News* says: "We can, indeed, foresee that at no distant day such energy as is to be obtained by coal will be produced at the mines and transported to centers of population in the form of electricity, to be again converted into light, heat and power, to be again gained that will thus result will certainly not be inconsiderable. The avoidance of smoke, ashes, deleterious gases, bulky fuels and smoke of furnaces must certainly tend to increase the duration of life and to make it more enjoyable."

THERE is a personal cleanliness that, with taste in dress and grace of manner, rivals and often outshines beauty. Trifles, like glossy hair, smooth skin, a radiant complexion, a sweet breath, fresh linen and spotless garments, go a long way towards making up the sum of personal attractiveness. All clean people are charming, but charming people are never more charming than when they are radiant with good grooming. It is some expense, but a great deal of trouble to be habitually and exquisitely neat. It pays, though, immensely.

SHR was from Boston; he from St. Joseph, Mo. "You have travelled a good deal in the West, have you not, Miss Benson?"

"Oh, yes, indeed. In California and Arizona and even in New Mexico."

"Have you ever seen the Cherokee strip?"

"There was a painful silence, but finally she looked over her glasses at him and said: 'In the first place, sir, I deem your question extremely rude; and in the second, you might have been more refined in your language by asking me if I had ever seen the Cherokee diorite.'"

THE following may be taken as a fair specimen of the illative genius of the Japanese journalist:—The socialist actor Yamaguchi is playing, at the Aramasa at Asakusa, the part of a villain who is troubled by his wife's ghost when his limbs are seen to burn with a lurid flame. A Japanese doctor just home from Germany prepared a chemical compound for him to burn on his body without any pain. But one day he made a mistake in the ingredients and Yamaguchi, who had innocently used it, suffered most excruciating tortures when his legs were burnt and blistered. But he bravely went through the play which is still running.

SAYS the *N. Y. Maritime Register*:—"The United States have come to the front as a naval power, and have become so prominent in foreign affairs. According to the old belief the latter course is opposed to all our traditions and national policy. But years ago it was necessary to think that this country would reach its present greatness and promise of becoming the leading power in the world. Such a position and isolation from the family of nations are not possible together. And this greatness cannot be escaped. These expressions may be sneered at as bombastical, but an absolute correct view of the march of events and the plain facts of the day must accept them as true. We may ignore the inevitable, but that is only an evidence of our own egotism."

ACCORDING to a letter received from Peking by a 'humble' contemporary, Dr. Li Tschang, Vice-President of the Imperial Academy of Physicians at Peking, who was on duty lately attending in the suite of the Empress Dowager at Eho Park Palace, has had a rather uncomfortable time of it. He was ordered to conduct him on a tour of inspection of the Palace grounds; he Imperial Majesty opened, however, to see the pair idly wandering in the gardens, and the couple were immediately recalled to their senses, the eunuch by being laid prone on his face and 40 blows administered on his calves by the eunuch guard, and the Doctor being informed that he would have to go *minus* three months' salary. The Doctor's assistant, a young man named Chang, who had followed his chief at a distance on this tour of exploration, was sent out of the Palace precincts with the order never to walk upon the Imperial lady any more.

FROM the *Japan Gazette* we learn that the Korean Government has subjected Kim's remains, the most horrible treatment "which man could expect to receive." The body was cut into pieces and placed in the *Yeu-kwa-chin*. The head and the limbs were exposed on bamboo-poles, while the trunk was thrown away to rot. Soon after the arrival of the remains in Seoul, the Japanese Minister, Mr. Otori, had been instructed by wire to advise the Korean Government not to inflict posthumous indignities on the murdered man; and similar advice is said to have been given by the other Foreign Ministers at Seoul. But the Korean Government has apparently disregarded the friendly advice proffered by the powers. As the telegram received in Tokyo is very brief, no particulars have yet been obtained; but that the severest punishment ordered by the law of that country has been inflicted on the corpse admits of no doubt. The Japanese papers are indignant not only at the barbarous act, but at the scant regard shown to the advice of the friendly powers, though some of them find consolation in the suggestion that a barbarous country like Korea is to be expected to know any better. Kim's daughter, who has, it appears, been languishing in prison for her father's sins, is said to have put an end to herself by the hanging of his martyr, while the murdered man is reported to have received 1,000 yen from the Korean King as earnest of future great rewards. On the 10th inst., the Korean King received Foreign Ministers in audience, while the Home Minister presided at a luncheon in the palace immediately after. The Japanese and Russian Ministers, the British Consul, and a few others attended. This audience is believed to have been held to celebrate Kim's murder.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 10th inst., and Honolulu the 17th, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow at 4 p.m.

EUROPEAN publishers have been indulging in an unbecomingly scramble to get Bismarck's memoirs. It appears that the ex-Chancellor has not nearly completed them, and may leave them uncompleted when he dies.

WE learn by special wire that Mr. T. V. Twining has been successful in his negotiations for the opening of the Potter-Bellows company in Canton on Tuesday the 15th inst. The all-conquering "Forget Me Not" will be the initial medium of mesmerism.

AMONG the books which the Salvation Army recently burnt at Denadine—"Novel-burning night," by the way, is to be a regular institution now—were the works of Walter Besant, Mark Twain, Artemus Ward, Mrs. Olcott, Rodin, Hawthorne, Clark Russell, Charles Reade, Hawley Smart, Mrs. Campbell Prater, Rudyard Kipling, Farjeon, Stevenson, and many others. The readers of all these were also denounced, by the illiterate boss-lout in charge, as "idolaters." This, in the opinion of our irrepressible contemporary the *Sydney Bulletin*, is the point which every successful religion gets to sooner or later. By a humble and non-regulating at first. By-and-by, however, it grows rich and becomes loud-mouthed and brutal and blustering and intolerant and full of self-love, and would burn or hang all outsiders if only it had the chance. Then it starts to go downhill hill, after a while, it dies of fat and bloatedness and savage bigotry, and is forgotten. Salvationism is going the way of all other creeds. It prospered while it was lean and despised and persecuted, but now the big drum is getting to be overfed, and the trombone is fat and aggressive, and the capting has a corporation on him, and Boothism has become a gross and simplified faith, and the vitality of the movement is departing.

SANITARY BOARD.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. Stewart Lockhart presided, and there were also present Dr. Ayres, Dr. Ho Kai, Dr. Cantile, Messrs. F. H. May, W. Chatham, J. D. Humphreys, and E. A. Ram (acting secretary).

CATTLE DISEASE.

Mr. C. V. Ladd, colonial veterinary surgeon, reported that the total valuation of cattle slaughtered by order of the Board in the Chinese dairies at Wanchai was \$1,126, including \$180 as half value of five infected animals.

After a little discussion it was decided to inform the owners as to this valuation, so that if they wanted they could send in claims for more.

SMELLS.

Messrs. David Sassoon, Sons and Co. wrote to the Acting Secretary of the Board:—"We have on several occasions complained of the offensive smell in the neighbourhood of our offices, but little or no attention seems to have been paid to these complaints, and the stench is certainly as bad if not worse than ever. During the last two evenings (the letter was dated 13th April) it has been so bad that the offices and quarters were quite unfit to live in, and we must now ask you to bring this letter before your Board at their next meeting, and request that some steps be taken without delay to abate this trifling nuisance."

The Acting Secretary wrote in reply, on the 16th April:—"In reply to your letter of 13th inst., complaining of a very offensive smell in the neighbourhood of your offices on the Praya, emanating presumably from the bank of the storm-water drain opposite Marine Lot No. 2, I have the honour to call your attention to the fact, of which you may not be aware, that the Sanitary Board has no control over the public sewers, which are under the direction and management of the Water and Drainage Department. I am confident, however, that the members of the Board would be very anxious to do anything that is in their power to mitigate the nuisance you complain of, and to this end I have seen the Director of Public Works and obtained his acquiescence to something being done in the direction of cleaning the mouth of the drain in question and the foremen immediately surrounding it. This work shall be proceeded with directly the state of the tide permits, and although I am afraid I cannot hold out hopes that it will be a complete remedy for the evil, I hope it will contribute in some degree to your comfort. The real trouble is caused by the fact that owners of property in this neighbourhood, at all times, have neglected to re-organize their drainage arrangements in such a way as to permit of their being disconnected from drains that are suitable for the reception of storm-water only, and of their being connected with the new Government sewers which are specially designed to receive house sewage, and which are now nearly completed throughout the city. Until this is done it is almost inevitable that these large drains, which in the dry season have only a sluggish trickle of sewage in them, should become reservoirs of foul air and, as such, constant sources of trouble and annoyance. The evil so far as your own premises are concerned is aggravated at the present time by the fact that the Reclamation, in its completion, forms a re-entrating angle in front of Ice House Street which is unaffected by the tidal currents in the harbour, and as a consequence the foul water does not get speedily diluted and dispersed as it would do if it discharged (as it will eventually do) on the new praya frontage. The disadvantage will be remedied, of course, with the completion of this section of the Reclamation Scheme which is now being carried out, and which will involve the substitution of a new drain down Ice House Street in place of the old drain which now runs under Marine Lot No. 2, and which is the cause of the present trouble. I shall be glad to hear from you whether you still wish your letter to be brought before the Sanitary Board at their next meeting."

Messrs. Sassoon replied that they wished the matter brought before the Board.

Mr. N. J. Ede—No doubt, the sewer the Acting Secretary speaks of requires cleansing, but I think some of the evils complained of arise from the two sewer traps close to the junction of Ice House Lane with the Praya, and these should be seen to.

Mr. J. J. Frasco, O.C.—It seems to me that the Acting Secretary's action and letter is a mistake. This complaint should have been brought to the notice of the Board first. If Mr. Ram would direct the Sanitary Surveyor to go and examine and report on the state of the drains and sewers in question, and trace the offensive smells to their source, he would do well. The Board could say what, if anything, can be done. What are the facts?

It was agreed to inform Messrs. Sassoon that steps had been taken to mitigate the nuisance, and that further steps were being taken to press the owners of property in the neighbourhood to connect their house drains with the new sewers, disconnecting from the storm-water drains.

THE Acting Secretary submitted a very long report on the state of the present night's rain.

bucket system, and on his idea of the way to improve it. After a little discussion the question was referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Ho Kai, Mr. Humphreys and Mr. May. This concluded the business.

HONGKONG DAIRIES.

THE CATTLE PLAGUE AND ITS EFFECTS.

The meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday afternoon was, as far as reliable information bearing upon the effects of the recent outbreak is concerned, a complete disappointment, for beyond the admission that the disease was (as the *Telegraph* stated days ago) rinderpest, pure and simple, and that the able and indefatigable Colonial Veterinary Surgeon proposed to cause \$1,126 to be paid out of the Treasury as compensation to native dairymen whose cattle he was obliged to destroy recently, and that Chinese dairymen have removed 117 head of cattle to the mainland during the past fortnight, nothing worthy a second thought was said upon the important subject of our milk supply. It therefore remains for this journal to deal with the subject *ex tunc*, and without delay, just as was done months ago in respect to the native bakeries, laundries, the water supply and other important matters affecting the health and well-being of the community ashore and aloft.

In the first place, then, it may be stated that there are 35 dairies in the colony, under foreign and Chinese management, and of which the following is a complete list setting forth particulars of each proprietor's stock-in-trade and showing the total number of cattle which have succumbed through the recent outbreak of pleuro and rinderpest:—

LIST OF DAIRIES.	
Name of Dairy.	No. Cows Licensed 1st Feb. '94 to keep.
Kennedy's Hongkong Dairy.....	118 120
East Point Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	80 30
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	154 300
French Sanitarium.....	8 8
Cheng Wan.....	14 14
Tsang Tak Ying.....	23 23
Wong Kam.....	40 40
Ngai Choi.....	38 38
Lo Sin.....	38 38
Tin Wing Shing.....	40 40
Lam U Ki.....	28 28
Pang I On.....	20 20
Cheng Ho.....	28 28
Wong Shing.....	24 24
Wong Fat.....	10 10
Chao Chee Bee.....	6 6
Leung Fung Lum.....	6 6
Peer Box.....	44 44
Ng Kwong.....	22 22
Chan Ai.....	6 6
Pang On.....	19 19
Cheng Shui.....	8 8
Lau U Ki.....	24 24
Chan Ching Yau.....	13 13
Wong Kam.....	10 10
Lo Wang Shing.....	15 15
Chan Chung Hong.....	1 1
Lom Cheng Shing.....	7 7
Chan Mun.....	7 7
Dairy Farm Co. †.....	30 30
Tin Wing Shing.....	15 15
Wong Fuk Li.....	13 13
Teung Kum Li.....	11 11
Lau Mun.....	12 12

